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AMUSEMENTS TO-NIGHT.

UNION'S CAFE—"Gypsy Baron."

Light showers have occurred in North

Dakota, Nebraska, Wyoming, Colorado and

South Kansas, and heavy showers are

reported from Florida, Louisiana and New

Mexico.

Generally cloudy weather prevails in the

Central Valley and the Southwest. Tem-

perature changes have been slight.

Forecast for Missouri: Southerly winds; warm

and local rain Wednesday; cooler with local rain

on Thursday.

Forecast for St. Louis for thirty-six hours from 8

a. m. to-day: Fair Wednesday and Thursday;

warmer.

THERE are plenty of Aarons, but where

is the financial Moses?

CHICAGO is in great need of a little of St.

Louis' solidity just now.

The Chicago pork men went down as if

the slide had been greased.

Is DELICATE-ELECT BRUCK in the hands

of his campaign fund friends?

THE Siamese find that there is a great

deal of Gaul in the modern Frenchman.

WHEAT for hog fodder and corn for fuel

will hardly raise the price of farming

lands.

PORK didn't fall with a dull thud in

Chicago; it came down with a "crashing

slump."

THE Windy pork slump will not dam

the golden stream that has begun to flow

from Europe.

THE Silver dollar must at least be ac-

cused of having created Charles Foster

and Zimri Dwiglins.

WHAT profit does Col. Comfort figure

out on a \$20 investment in a House of De-

legates campaign fund?

THE currency conflict must not be

allowed to degenerate into a battle be-

tween two rival special interests.

NEVER-LET-GO GALLAGHER is carrying

things too far when he won't let Health

Commissioner Homan go to the Fair.

WHAT doth it profit the city to gain a

member of the House of Delegates if Col.

Comfort pays his campaign expenses?

THE Chicago failures cannot be attrib-

uted to the "stringency." Too much

plunging is the cause of the speculators' collapse.

FROM a legal standpoint the Mayor is

safe in his deal with the Street Commis-

sioner. There is no law against compound-

ing inefficiency.

THE latest revelations concerning the

financial methods of Mr. Charles Foster

confirm the judgment of the people in de-

manding a "change."

It is reported that a St. Louis was al-

most deported from the city with a company

of unemployed miners. Ah, that almost-

what a cause for grief St. Louis has.

THE tin box manufacturers will petition

Congress to repeal the tariff on tin. The

manufacturers of all other tin goods should

join the box-makers in this petition.

THERE is news of rich gold strikes in

Nevada. Let us hope that this may not

make gold so plentiful that the yellow

metal will have to be demonetized too.

WITH what grunts of satisfaction the

Ohio hog is trampling the wheat fields.

Other creatures may rejoice in clover, but

the Buckeye porker is content with his

wheat.

THE boy of to-day will be the man of to-

morrow, and he will haughtily call to

mind the fact that in '93 his father was a

bank depositor and stopped all business in

that memorable year.

C. D. COMFORT has nearly a half interest

in Henry Bruck's House of Delegates in-

vestment. According to Bruck's state-

ment Comfort contributed \$30 of a total

campaign fund of \$62.50.

THE wisdom of building more ships for

our navy may well be doubted, although

the generosity of such a policy will be ap-

preciated by contractors. At the present

stage of development of naval architect-

ure it would perhaps be better for us to

watch the experience of other nations and

profit by their blunders. There is no

pressing call for a large but experimental

navy.

BISMARCK has again given notice that his

health is good. He says it is better than

it was when he was Chancellor. Why does

he furnish young William with informa-

tion which must be so depressing?

THE brokers at Youngstown, O., made a

good thing by buying the bank books of

panic-stricken depositors. Of all the men

who have been losers in the financial flurry

the bank depositors have lost least.

THE silver miners are trying to substitute

a silver for a gold standard which

would not help anybody but the miners

themselves. The country would gain

nothing by exchanging the dominion of

one monopoly for another.

THE attitude of France with reference to

the Siam affair is probably due to the feel-

ing of uncertainty as to how far she can go

without provoking war with some great

power. Fear is the only deterring motive

in land-grabbing enterprises of this kind.

THE business method upon which Maj. Mur-

phy announces that he will run the

Street Department henceforth consists in

referring appointments to chiefs of sub-

ordinate departments who are now Repub-

licans. That seems to be Maj. Murphy's

business just now.

SIAM, having conceded the "supple-

mentary" demands of France, without

arousing the firm opposition of Great Brit-

ain, Johnny Crapeaud will probably ex-

tend his claims and ask still more.

National land grabbers do not stop until

confronted with loaded cannon.

PARTISANSHIP should not be allowed to

interfere with a calm, honest consideration

of the silver question. Still less should

factional differences in the parties be per-

mitted to influence the votes of Senators

and Representatives. The condition of

affairs is too serious for peanut politics.

POISONOUS FRUIT.

The limb of a tree in Gaston, S. C., bore

a heavy load of fruit the other day. From

it hung the bodies of three lynched

negroes.

These three negroes were killed by a mob

without process of law. They were denied

the privilege of counsel and the right of

trial by jury in a court of law. They were

tortured to exact confessions. They were

mutilated and scourged to glut the ven-

geance of their executioners. In their

treatment the laws of the State were

violated and the dearest rights which man-

kind has wrung through bitter conflict

from the hands of tyranny were trampled

under foot. There is no guarantee of

safety, liberty or justice without these

laws and rights.

The fruit which this South Carolina

tree bore is fatal poison to the organiza-

tion of civilized society. The forces which

bring it forth nourish anarchy and in-

justice. They sap the roots of law and lib-

erty. Every crop of that sort weakens the

safe-guards of life and the rights that make

life worth living.

It is said that the sentiment of citizens

indorses the killing of these negroes be-

cause of the villainess of their crime. But

no crime, however vile, can inflict the

injury upon the State that this trampling

upon laws and rights inflicts. If the senti-

ment of citizens indorses such acts it

opposes the highest interests of the State.

WE CAN ALL BE PROSPEROUS.

Those who think below the surface of

events cannot but wonder at the distress

prevailing in all parts of the United States.

From all quarters come reports of the dis-

charge of workmen, the suspension of

production and the consequent impover-

ishment of hitherto prosperous people

who find themselves unable to supply

their families with the necessities of life.

It is wonderful, because in the nature of

things we expect all to have plenty in a

country whose resources are boundless

and which have scarcely been tapped.

THE United States, with an area of

3,600,000 square miles, or six times that of

France, Germany and Austro-Hungary,

finds great difficulty in supporting a popu-

lation of less than half that of those three

countries. Our natural riches are so great

that the disparity is multiplied many fold,

and with every fresh fact brought to light

the wonder grows. Our people are pro-

verbally the most energetic, skillful and

resourceful on earth, but their facilities do

not avail to save them from periodical

spells of depression which reduce the

wealthy to poverty and the poor to pauper-

ism. We seem to be immersed in the

lake which tormented Tantalus.

Vices in the currency do not account for

all the trouble. We must look for the seat

of the trouble in the vicious system of tax-

ation which loads production with un-

necessary burdens, hinders exchange and

distribution by a variety of vexatious and

costly restrictions and shuts up trade in a

closed market monopolized by a favored

few. In addition to these direct effects of

an unwise policy is the privilege of tax-

ation granted directly and indirectly to

private corporations, whereby a still

greater burden is imposed, which is im-

poverishing the people in all parts of

the country and making individual enter-

prise impossible.

It is not wise to depend upon the

repeal of the Sherman law to restore busi-

ness to a safe basis of confidence. The

whole system of taxation must be over-

hauled and purged of its vices before we

can say that we are on secure ground.

Nothing short of that will eradicate the evil.

Nothing short of such a radical reform will

be accepted as a redemption of Democratic

pledges.

CAMPAIGN FIREWORKS.

Candidate Bruck has complied with the

new corrupt practices act in filing a

statement of his receipts and expendi-

tures in his campaign for a seat in the

House of Delegates from the Fifth Ward.

He has kept well within the limit of ex-

penditures fixed by the law and all items

of expenditure appear innocent, except

one—\$5 for fireworks.

Sec. 3 of the corrupt practices act pro-

vides:

Any candidate for public office . . .

who, within sixty days prior to an election

whereat the incumbent for the office so

sought by him is chosen, corruptly, by him-

self or by any other person, directly or in-

directly gives, provides or pays, wholly or

in part, or promises to give wholly or in

part, the expense of giving or providing any

meat, drink, entertainment or provision to

or for any person for the purpose of cor-
ruptly influencing that person or any other per-son to give or refrain from giving his vote at
such election shall be guilty of a misde-meanor, and upon conviction thereof shall
be fined \$25 for each offense.

Does not a display of fireworks consti-

tute entertainment? There can be no

question of it. And why should Candidate

Bruck have expended his money, or rather

his friends' money—for all of Mr. Bruck's

campaign fund was provided by patri-

otic friends—to provide fireworks if it

was not for the purpose of influencing

voters by firing the popular heart, arous-

ing the popular enthusiasm and awaken-

ing in the popular mind a grateful appre-

ciation of his generosity through the six-

boom-a-boom of the delectable rocket, flower-

pot or Roman candle?

But Candidate Bruck gives a list of

friends, headed by Col. Cold Deal Com-

fort, who contributed all the money for

his campaign expenses. Col. Comfort and

his public-spirited associates who put up

to secure the city the benefit of Mr. Bruck's

legislative talents, share in the viola-

tion of law embodied in the provision of

a fireworks display for the voters. The

law makes it a felony to "advance, pay or

cause to be paid any money to or for the

use of any other person" to corruptly in-

fluence voters.

If the candidate can beguile the voter

with fireworks why not with freewater or

any other form of entertainment? If Col.

Comfort can pay a large part of the ex-

penses of candidates for the House of De-

legates with impunity what chance is there

